

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Travel date(s): Saturday, September 21, 2019 - Saturday, September 28, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$3711.99	\$1501.81	\$438.53	\$180.60 (Guides, room fees, interpreters)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See final itinerary attached.

10/22/2019 Nick Kistenmacher Nick Kistenmacher
(Date) (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

10/22/2019 Marsha Blackburn
(Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

Originally Submitted on
Aug. 20

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Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Nicholas Kistenmacher

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Marsha Blackburn

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Travel date(s): September 21-September 28 2019

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Okinawa and Tokyo, Japan

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

My official duties involve and include advising Senator Blackburn on issues related to public infrastructure, military, science, and technology which are the focus areas of the trip. I advise the Senator who sits on the armed services committee, so this trip would be beneficial for me to be able to have insight.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

9-3-2019
(Date)

Nicholas A. Kistenmacher
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

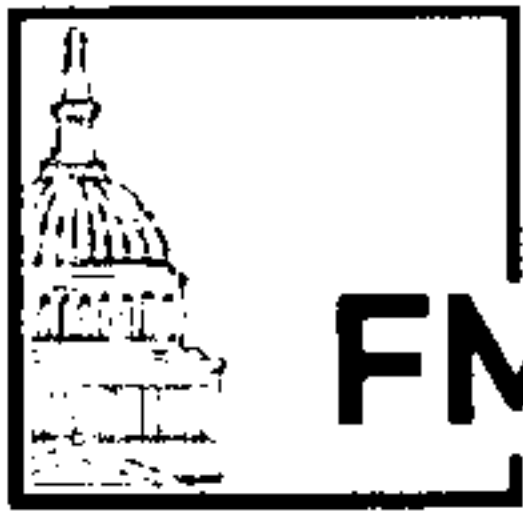
I, Marsha Blackburn hereby authorize Nicholas Kistenmacher
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/3/2019
(Date)

Marsha Blackburn
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



FMC

FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The Congressional Study Groups

September 10, 2019

Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to invite you to join The Congressional Study Group on Japan's 2nd Annual Study Tour for District and State Directors from September 21st, 2019 to September 28th, 2019. The delegation will visit Tokyo and Okinawa.

The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) – a non-partisan, non-advocacy legislative exchange housed in the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization– has more than twenty years of history conducting successful, high-level, discussion-driven study tours for Members of Congress and senior congressional staff, which complement an active calendar of year-round programs on Capitol Hill. Fervently non-partisan and non-advocacy, our model promotes an active, substantive discussion among all principals. Our model avoids lengthy speeches or formal presentations that hinder the development of lasting working relationships based on mutual respect and understanding.

The Study Tour for District and State Directors provides an exciting new opportunity to build U.S.-Japan relationships at the regional and local levels of government and civil society, beyond the traditional Washington-Tokyo relationship. Last year, the Congressional Study Group on Japan convened their successful inaugural trip for District and State Directors to Tokyo and Tohoku (Sendai and Fukushima). The 2019 Study Tour to Japan will visit Tokyo and Okinawa. Together with a variety of leading officials and experts from academia, civil society, industry, the media, and government, you will have the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual concern and areas for cooperation, including:

- Public Infrastructure: transportation, health care system, education
- Military: U.S. presence in Japan, Self-Defense Force, wartime memory
- Science and Technology: automation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity

During the trip, you will also have an opportunity to learn other topics including issues surrounding indigenous peoples, regional and bilateral trade, and the roles of the district offices in Japan.

We have obtained funding for eight District and State Directors from the House and Senate and are able to provide airfare, out of an airport nearest to your district, for this bipartisan delegation. All lodging, transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the generous support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1975.

Please note that this privately-sponsored trip will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for congressional approval.

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Best,

Sabine Schleidt
Chief Operating Officer

Miles Monaco
Japan Fellow

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This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

OR

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

OR

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

FMC is the sole sponsor of the trip, FMC is solely responsible for organizing the itinerary and arranging all meetings. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants. All of the funding for this trip is provided by grant, to FMC, from the... (Please see attached)

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

FMC - a congressional chartered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization - administers the CSGJ through its international program. Through the Study Group, FMC creates constant channels of communication and dialogue for the U.S. Members of Congress and their staff to interact in a... (Please see attached)

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

FMC has sponsored congressional travel to Germany, Turkey, Japan, and the Republic of Korea since 1983. FMC has organized delegations through its CSGJ since January 2014 and has brought six Congressional Member delegations and seven Senior Congressional Staff delegations.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The trip compliments FMC's year-round Capitol Hill programming, which provides a forum for dialogue

on the issues most relevant to the U.S. - Japan strategic alliance and the East Asia region. FMC's flagship

program, Congress to Campus, brings a bipartisan pair of Former Members of... (Please see attached)

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Blake: \$3476.43 Holmes: \$3701.13 Kistenmacher: \$3451.43 For details please see attached.	\$1302 For details please see attached.	\$1035 For details please see attached.	\$600 For details please see attached.

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is organized specifically with regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Please see attached.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

1) Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort (40-1 Mihama, Chatan-Cho, Okinawa 904-0115)

2) Hotel New Otani Tokyo (4-1 Kioichio, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8578)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotels listed above were selected for their proximity to meeting sites, close access to public transit,
cost below per diem rate, and comfort of accommodation.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Daily expenses are below U.S. Department of States' maximum foreign per diem rates.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

They will travel on economy airfare for all flights. Ground transportation will consist of domestic public metro trains and a privately-chartered bus.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Sabine Schleidt

Name and Title: Sabine Schleidt, Chief Operating Officer

Name of Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Address: 1401 K St. NW, Suite 901 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone Number: (202) 222-0972

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) – a non-partisan, non-advocacy legislative exchange housed in the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – will conduct its 2019 State Director Study Tour to Japan from September 21 - 28, 2019. This Study Tour offers Senate State Directors a unique educational forum to examine important issues in the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship such as the bilateral security alliance, Japan's research & development toward environmental issues, and trade relations including the Transpacific Partnership (TPP-11). During their week in Japan, participants will meet with key federal and local government officials as well as top experts, academics, and community leaders on these issues impacting bilateral relations and their work in Congress. Trip participants will also gain a greater understanding of the unique cultural and religious components of Japanese society and their intersections and high importance to Japanese politics and business.

FMC is the sole sponsor of the trip, FMC is solely responsible for organizing the itinerary and arranging all meetings. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants. All of the funding for this trip is provided by grant, to FMC, from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC), an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1975. The JUSFC plays no role in organizing the trip.

FMC – a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – administers the CSGJ through its international program. Through the Study Group, FMC creates constant channels of communication and dialogue for U.S. Members of Congress and their staff to interact in a meaningful way with their counterparts in Japan. The 2019 Study Tour offers senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to explore key issues in the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship and furthering FMC's educational mission.

The trip complements FMC's year-round Capitol Hill programming, which provides a forum for dialogue on the issues most relevant to the U.S.-Japan strategic alliance and the East Asia region.

FMC's flagship program, Congress to Campus, brings a bipartisan pair of former Members of Congress to college campus across the nation to discuss civic education, importance of political participation, and functions of Congress with students throughout the year.

Transportation Expenses:



2019 U.S. District/State Directors Study Tour
Saturday, September 21st – Saturday, September 28th
Tokyo and Okinawa

In case of an emergency in Japan, please call:
U.S. Embassy – Tokyo: +81-3-3224-5000

The Congressional Study Group on Japan's District/State Director Study Tour is made possible by the generous support by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency.

Hotels

Hotel New Otani Tokyo
4-1 Kioichio
Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo 102-8578
Tel: +81-3-3265-1111

Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort
40-1 Mihama
Chatan-Cho
Okinawa 904-0115
Tel: +81-98-901-1111

Saturday, September 21, 2019

All-day	Departure from local airports
<p>1. 10:00 – 10:30 AM</p> <p>2. 11:00 – 11:30 AM</p> <p>3. 12:00 – 12:30 PM</p> <p>4. 13:00 – 13:30 PM</p> <p>5. 14:00 – 14:30 PM</p> <p>6. 15:00 – 15:30 PM</p> <p>7. 16:00 – 16:30 PM</p> <p>8. 17:00 – 17:30 PM</p> <p>9. 18:00 – 18:30 PM</p> <p>10. 19:00 – 19:30 PM</p> <p>11. 20:00 – 20:30 PM</p> <p>12. 21:00 – 21:30 PM</p> <p>13. 22:00 – 22:30 PM</p> <p>14. 23:00 – 23:30 PM</p> <p>15. 24:00 – 24:30 PM</p> <p>16. 25:00 – 25:30 PM</p> <p>17. 26:00 – 26:30 PM</p> <p>18. 27:00 – 27:30 PM</p> <p>19. 28:00 – 28:30 PM</p> <p>20. 29:00 – 29:30 PM</p> <p>21. 30:00 – 30:30 PM</p> <p>22. 31:00 – 31:30 PM</p> <p>23. 32:00 – 32:30 PM</p> <p>24. 33:00 – 33:30 PM</p> <p>25. 34:00 – 34:30 PM</p> <p>26. 35:00 – 35:30 PM</p> <p>27. 36:00 – 36:30 PM</p> <p>28. 37:00 – 37:30 PM</p> <p>29. 38:00 – 38:30 PM</p> <p>30. 39:00 – 39:30 PM</p> <p>31. 40:00 – 40:30 PM</p> <p>32. 41:00 – 41:30 PM</p> <p>33. 42:00 – 42:30 PM</p> <p>34. 43:00 – 43:30 PM</p> <p>35. 44:00 – 44:30 PM</p> <p>36. 45:00 – 45:30 PM</p> <p>37. 46:00 – 46:30 PM</p> <p>38. 47:00 – 47:30 PM</p> <p>39. 48:00 – 48:30 PM</p> <p>40. 49:00 – 49:30 PM</p> <p>41. 50:00 – 50:30 PM</p> <p>42. 51:00 – 51:30 PM</p> <p>43. 52:00 – 52:30 PM</p> <p>44. 53:00 – 53:30 PM</p> <p>45. 54:00 – 54:30 PM</p> <p>46. 55:00 – 55:30 PM</p> <p>47. 56:00 – 56:30 PM</p> <p>48. 57:00 – 57:30 PM</p> <p>49. 58:00 – 58:30 PM</p> <p>50. 59:00 – 59:30 PM</p> <p>51. 60:00 – 60:30 PM</p> <p>52. 61:00 – 61:30 PM</p> <p>53. 62:00 – 62:30 PM</p> <p>54. 63:00 – 63:30 PM</p> <p>55. 64:00 – 64:30 PM</p> <p>56. 65:00 – 65:30 PM</p> <p>57. 66:00 – 66:30 PM</p> <p>58. 67:00 – 67:30 PM</p> <p>59. 68:00 – 68:30 PM</p> <p>60. 69:00 – 69:30 PM</p> <p>61. 70:00 – 70:30 PM</p> <p>62. 71:00 – 71:30 PM</p> <p>63. 72:00 – 72:30 PM</p> <p>64. 73:00 – 73:30 PM</p> <p>65. 74:00 – 74:30 PM</p> <p>66. 75:00 – 75:30 PM</p> <p>67. 76:00 – 76:30 PM</p> <p>68. 77:00 – 77:30 PM</p> <p>69. 78:00 – 78:30 PM</p> <p>70. 79:00 – 79:30 PM</p> <p>71. 80:00 – 80:30 PM</p> <p>72. 81:00 – 81:30 PM</p> <p>73. 82:00 – 82:30 PM</p> <p>74. 83:00 – 83:30 PM</p> <p>75. 84:00 – 84:30 PM</p> <p>76. 85:00 – 85:30 PM</p> <p>77. 86:00 – 86:30 PM</p> <p>78. 87:00 – 87:30 PM</p> <p>79. 88:00 – 88:30 PM</p> <p>80. 89:00 – 89:30 PM</p> <p>81. 90:00 – 90:30 PM</p> <p>82. 91:00 – 91:30 PM</p> <p>83. 92:00 – 92:30 PM</p> <p>84. 93:00 – 93:30 PM</p> <p>85. 94:00 – 94:30 PM</p> <p>86. 95:00 – 95:30 PM</p> <p>87. 96:00 – 96:30 PM</p> <p>88. 97:00 – 97:30 PM</p> <p>89. 98:00 – 98:30 PM</p> <p>90. 99:00 – 99:30 PM</p> <p>91. 100:00 – 100:30 PM</p> <p>92. 101:00 – 101:30 PM</p> <p>93. 102:00 – 102:30 PM</p> <p>94. 103:00 – 103:30 PM</p> <p>95. 104:00 – 104:30 PM</p> <p>96. 105:00 – 105:30 PM</p> <p>97. 106:00 – 106:30 PM</p> <p>98. 107:00 – 107:30 PM</p> <p>99. 108:00 – 108:30 PM</p> <p>100. 109:00 – 109:30 PM</p> <p>101. 110:00 – 110:30 PM</p> <p>102. 111:00 – 111:30 PM</p> <p>103. 112:00 – 112:30 PM</p> <p>104. 113:00 – 113:30 PM</p> <p>105. 114:00 – 114:30 PM</p> <p>106. 115:00 – 115:30 PM</p> <p>107. 116:00 – 116:30 PM</p> <p>108. 117:00 – 117:30 PM</p> <p>109. 118:00 – 118:30 PM</p> <p>110. 119:00 – 119:30 PM</p> <p>111. 120:00 – 120:30 PM</p> <p>112. 121:00 – 121:30 PM</p> <p>113. 122:00 – 122:30 PM</p> <p>114. 123:00 – 123:30 PM</p> <p>115. 124:00 – 124:30 PM</p> <p>116. 125:00 – 125:30 PM</p> <p>117. 126:00 – 126:30 PM</p> <p>118. 127:00 – 127:30 PM</p> <p>119. 128:00 – 128:30 PM</p> <p>120. 129:00 – 129:30 PM</p> <p>121. 130:00 – 130:30 PM</p> <p>122. 131:00 – 131:30 PM</p> <p>123. 132:00 – 132:30 PM</p> <p>124. 133:00 – 133:30 PM</p> <p>125. 134:00 – 134:30 PM</p> <p>126. 135:00 – 135:30 PM</p> <p>127. 136:00 – 136:30 PM</p> <p>128. 137:00 – 137:30 PM</p> <p>129. 138:00 – 138:30 PM</p> <p>130. 139:00 – 139:30 PM</p> <p>131. 140:00 – 140:30 PM</p> <p>132. 141:00 – 141:30 PM</p> <p>133. 142:00 – 142:30 PM</p> <p>134. 143:00 – 143:30 PM</p> <p>135. 144:00 – 144:30 PM</p> <p>136. 145:00 – 145:30 PM</p> <p>137. 146:00 – 146:30 PM</p> <p>138. 147:00 – 147:30 PM</p> <p>139. 148:00 – 148:30 PM</p> <p>140. 149:00 – 149:30 PM</</p>	

Sunday, September 22, 2019 <Okinawa> Travel Day

Arriving in Tokyo

1:55pm	UA0079 from EWR to NRT (Terminal 1) [HOLMES, Sarah]
2:00pm	UA0007 from LAH to NRT (Terminal 1) [KISTENMACHER, Nick]
2:20pm	UA7938 from ORD to NRT (Terminal 1) [BLAKE, Shelly]
2:20 – 5:55pm	Go through customs and layover in airport
5:55 – 8:45pm	NH2159 from Tokyo to Okinawa; transfer to hotel
9:30pm	Check-in at hotel

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<Okinawa>

Visit to AmerAsian School

- A site tour offers our delegation insight on the societal impacts of US bases in Okinawa
- Briefing of the history and mission of the school by their principal
- Visiting classrooms of Middle School students

15-22 Shimashi, Ginowan, Okinawa

Bus ride from AmeriAsian School to next meeting

Cutting-edge Technology: From “Keystone of the Pacific” to “Hub of International Education in the East Asia”

Visit to Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

- Guided tour of OIST main campus and lunch discussion with faculty members
- Briefing and presentation given by Executive Vice President Dr. Bob Baughman at their Technology Development and Innovation Center

1919-1 Tancha, Onna, Kunigami, Okinawa

Japan's Security Priority in the Region

Briefing and tour of **Japan Ground and Maritime Self-Defense Force Naha Base**

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| | <i>301 Jitoma, Naha, Okinawa</i> |
| 3:30 – 4:00pm | Bus ride from base to next meeting |
| 4:15 – 5:15pm | <p>History of Ryukyu Kingdom</p> <p>Visit and tour of Shuri Castle with Mr. Kurayoshi Takara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan. <p><i>A city district of Naha today, Shuri is the name of the former capital of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Shuri Castle served as the administrative center and residence of the Ryukyu kings for several centuries until Okinawa became a Japanese prefecture in 1879. Shuri Castle was originally built in the late 1300s, and played an integral role in the political unification of the island. The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan.</i></p> <p><i>1-2 Shurikinjo, Naha, Okinawa</i></p> |
| Dinner | Okinawa: A Pacific Trade Hub |
| 6:30 – 8:00pm | Discussion with representatives from American Chamber of Commerce of Okinawa (ACCO) |

Breakfast	At hotel
9:55am – 12:25pm	NH0994 from Okinawa to Tokyo
12:45 – 1:25pm	Bus ride from airport to next meeting
Lunch	
1:30 – 2:30pm	Foreigners in Japan 101: Creating a Japanese Identity Lunch discussion with Patrick Harlan , commentator, lecturer at Tokyo Institute of Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundtable conversation on experience living in Japan as an American, the cultural difference in business and communication between the US and Japan, how Japanese TV audience views American political process, and traits of young Japanese students
3:00 – 3:30pm	Bus ride from lunch to next meeting

Visit to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, and guided tour by priest including brief presentation on the role of religion in Japan.

- Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism.*

Bus ride to hotel

Bus ride from hotel to dinner

Dinner
7:00 – 9:00pm

Discussion with mid-level diplomats from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Thursday, September 26, 2019

< Tokyo >

At Hotel

US Embassy Country Briefing

- 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

The Effectiveness of Abe's Womenomics

Discussion with female leaders such as **Ms. Kathy Matsui**, Goldman Sachs, and **Prof. Mieko Nakabayashi**, Waseda University

- Lunch

- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch discussion with **Mr. Harry Hill**, Chairman of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission
- Working lunch on overview of Japanese politics and economy, US-Japan bilateral relationship
 - Opening remarks by discussant
 - Rest - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate
- 1:30 – 3:00pm **Voices of the New Generation**
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Saturday, September 21, 2019

All-day Departure from local airports

Sunday, September 22, 2019 <Okinawa> Travel Day

Arriving in Tokyo

1:55pm	UA0079 from EWR to NRT (Terminal 1) [HOLMES, Sarah]
2:00pm	UA0007 from LAH to NRT (Terminal 1) [KISTENMACHER, Nick]
2:20pm	UA7938 from ORD to NRT (Terminal 1) [BLAKE, Shelly]
2:20 – 5:55pm	Go through customs and layover in airport
5:55 – 8:45pm	NH2159 from Tokyo to Okinawa; transfer to hotel.
9:30pm	Check-in at hotel

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Visit to AmerAsian School

- The AmerAsian School in Okinawa, was founded 20 years ago by five women with the goal of providing bi-racial children a "double education" so they could learn about American and Japanese culture/identity. The was heavily supported by former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, and has won three major education awards from the Japan Foundation, Asahi Shimbun, and Hakuho.*

Bus ride from AmeriAsian School to next meeting

Cutting-edge Technology: From “Keystone of the Pacific” to “Hub of International Education in the East Asia”

- Guided tour of OIST main campus and lunch discussion with faculty members
- Briefing and presentation given by Executive Vice President Dr. Bob Baughman at their Technology Development and Innovation Center

1919-1 Tancha, Onna, Kunigami, Okinawa

Japan's Security Priority in the Region

**Briefing and tour of Japan Ground and Maritime Self-Defense Force
Naha Base**

- Conversation on the role of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force in Japanese national security.
- Briefing on the state of the region, covering topics such as North Korea, China's military expansion, and US ally's like South Korea.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 <Okinawa/Tokyo>

The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japanese Society
Visit to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, and guided tour by priest including brief presentation on the role of religion in Japan.

- Participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism.

1-1 Yoyogikamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

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Understanding Regional Dynamics

Discussion with mid-level diplomats from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Brief introduction of each diplomat (four to five), including their background and current assignment, conversation on their experience previously working in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, September 26, 2019

< Tokyo >

Breakfast

At Hotel

8:00 – 9:30am

US Embassy Country Briefing

- Briefing by select heads of sections such as Political, Economic, Commerce, Public Affairs, and Consular on the current state of bilateral relationship

1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

10:00 – 11:30am

The Effectiveness of Abe's Womenomics

Discussion with female leaders such as **Ms. Kathy Matsui**, Goldman Sachs, and **Prof. Mieko Nakabayashi**, Waseda University

- Open discussion between delegation and Japanese female experts, in their respective fields
- Overview on the impacts of Prime Minister Abe's Womenomics on Japanese society

Lunch

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